

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) PRE-MUR 583  
Michigan Democratic State Central )  
Committee and Ramesh Verma in his )  
official capacity as treasurer )

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on August 16, 2016, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Open a MUR.
  - b. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c)(1)-(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(a) by failing to keep an itemized record of contributions.
  - c. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c)(5) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(b)(1) by failing to keep an itemized record of disbursements.
  - d. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(c)(3) by accepting anonymous cash contributions.
  - e. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 103.3 by failing to deposit receipts in an account at a designated depository.
  - f. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.10 by making prohibited cash disbursements.

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- g. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by understating total contributions and disbursements.
  - h. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by reporting false contributions and refunds.
  - i. Find reason to believe that MDP violated 52 U.S.C. § 30103(c) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(2) by failing to accurately identify the Treasurer.
  - j. Authorize conciliation with the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
  - k.
  - l. Approve the Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 26, 2016.
  - m. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 26, 2016.
  - n. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

2. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to:

a. Open a MUR:

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b. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c)(1)-(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(a) by failing to keep an itemized record of contributions.

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- c. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c)(5) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(b)(1) by failing to keep an itemized record of disbursements.
  - d. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(c)(3) by accepting anonymous cash contributions.
  - e. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 103.3 by failing to deposit receipts in an account at a designated depository.
  - f. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.10 by making prohibited cash disbursements.
  - g. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by understating total contributions and disbursements.
  - h. Find reason to believe that the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer knowingly and willfully violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by reporting false contributions and refunds.
  - i. Authorize conciliation with the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Ramesh Verma in his official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
  - j. Approve the Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 26, 2016 with the following edits:

- k. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 26, 2016 and last circulated by Chairman Petersen's Office with the following edit:

- l. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

August 18, 2016  
Date

Shelley E. Gann  
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Deputy Secretary of the Commission

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